

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Toshiharu KOBAYASHI et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_1501A  
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NI-BASE DIRECTIONALLY SOLIDIFIED  
AND SINGLE-CRYSTAL SUPERALLOY  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows: